

**REMARKS**

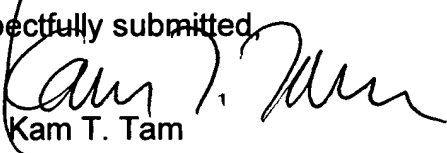
Several editorial changes have been made in the specification and the abstract.

In the aforementioned Office Action, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13 and 17-22 were rejected. Claims 4, 7-9, 14-16, 24 and 25 were withdrawn from consideration. Claim 23 was objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13 and 17-22 have been canceled without prejudice. claim 23 has been rewritten as an independent claim which is submitted to include all the limitations of the base claim 19 and with the intervening claims 20-22.

In view of the foregoing, by this amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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